Agency 228

# **Traffic Safety Commission**

## **Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

Dollars III Thousands	Annual FTEs General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	20.0	40,576	40,576
Total Maintenance Level Difference	20.0	22,557 (18,019)	22,557 (18,019)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	(44.4)%	(44.4)%
Performance Changes			
Interagency Agreement		22,000	22,000
Transportation Budget Reduction		(8)	(8)
Increase Federal Expenditure Authority		4,000	4,000
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(44)	(44)
State Data Center Rate Increase		9	9
Subtotal		25,957	25,957
Total Proposed Budget	20.0	48,514	48,514
Difference		7,938	7,938
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	19.6%	19.6%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity			
Improve Traffic Safety on Washington Roads	20.0	48,514	48,514
Total Proposed Budget	20.0	48,514	48,514

### PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Interagency Agreement**

The Traffic Safety Commission will enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Transportation to pay for transportation projects that address intersections on multi-lane highways with a history of severe collisions. (Highway Safety Account-Federal)

#### **Transportation Budget Reduction**

The Traffic Safety Commission's reduction is part of the statewide reductions to various state transportation accounts. The Commission typically receives about \$240,000 per year from this account to use when it is necessary to expend funds for purposes where federal highway safety funds are not allowed. The Commission can absorb this reduction by delaying or eliminating some minor purchases. (Highway Safety Account-State)

#### **Increase Federal Expenditure Authority**

Additional federal expenditure authority is provided to allow the Commission to expend all of the federal highway safety funds expected during the 2011-13 biennium. (Highway Safety Account-Federal)

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**

#### Improve Traffic Safety on Washington Roads

The Traffic Safety Commission promotes information and education campaigns related to traffic safety; coordinates development of statewide and local safety activities; and promotes uniform enforcement of traffic safety laws. Commission staff collects and analyzes traffic safety-related data to assist in targeting efforts to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries. Staff also conducts research to define problem areas, identify and evaluate solutions, and track progress. State traffic safety goals are established each year, and public opinion and behavior surveys are conducted annually. The Commission provides grants to state and local agencies to support innovative projects to improve traffic safety. It administers the School Zone Safety Account which provides for enforcement activities, community and school district projects, and educational programs to improve traffic safety in school zones throughout the state.